

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 – 190 (cancelled)

191 (currently amended). A folded sheet metal fastener
comprising:

an upper free-ended top section having an upper top engageable
continuous hole;

a lower free-ended top section having a lower top engageable
continuous hole;

a bottom section having a bottom engageable continuous hole;

a left section and a right section, the top sections and the bottom
section being connected by the left section and the right section; ~~and~~

a front snapping segment and a back snapping segment, wherein at
least one of said segments is connected to at least one of the upper free-ended top
section and the lower free-ended top section, substantially between the planes of the
left section and the right section[[]], each one of the front snapping segment and the
back snapping segment comprising an inwardly directed bent portion; and

bottom section extensions disposed between the left side section and
the right side section, under the front snapping segment and the back snapping
segment.

192 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 191, wherein both the front and the back snapping segments are connected to the lower free-ended top section.

193 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 191, wherein the upper free-ended top section provides support to the lower free-ended top section.

194 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 192, wherein the upper free-ended top section provides support to the lower free-ended top section.

195 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 191, wherein both the front and the back snapping segments are connected to the upper free-ended top section.

196 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 195, further comprising side anti-sliding extensions connected to the lower free-ended top section.

197 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 191, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

198 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 192, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

199 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 193, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

200 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 194, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

201 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 195, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

202 (original). A fastener as defined in claim 196, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

205 (currently amended). A vehicle comprising objects connected with a folded sheet metal fastener, the fastener comprising:

an upper free-ended top section having an upper top engageable continuous hole;

a lower free-ended top section having a lower top engageable continuous hole;

a bottom section having a bottom engageable continuous hole;

a left section and a right section, the top sections and the bottom section being connected by the left section and the right section; and

a front snapping segment and a back snapping segment, wherein at least one of said segments is connected to at least one of the upper free-ended top section and the lower free-ended top section, substantially between the planes of the left section and the right section[.], each one of the front snapping segment and the back snapping segment comprising an inwardly directed bent portion; and

bottom section extensions disposed between the left side section and the right side section, under the front snapping segment and the back snapping segment.

206 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 205, wherein both the front and the back snapping segments are connected to the lower free-ended top section.

207 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 205, wherein the upper free-ended top section provides support to the lower free-ended top section.

208 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 206, wherein the upper free-ended top section provides support to the lower free-ended top section.

209 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 205, wherein both the front and the back snapping segments are connected to the upper free-ended top section.

210 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 209, wherein the fastener further comprises side anti-sliding extensions connected to the lower free-ended top section.

211 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 205, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

212 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 206, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

213 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 207, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

214 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 208, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

215 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 209, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

216 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 210, wherein at least one of the snapping segments comprises a portion selected from anti-opening portion, anti-sliding portion, and a combination thereof.

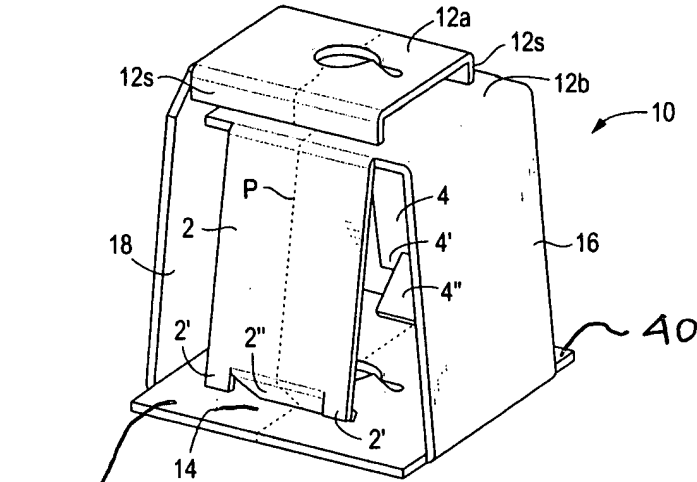


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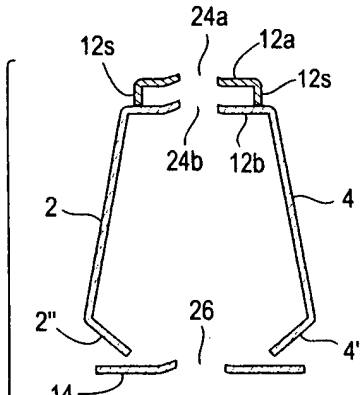


FIG. 20A

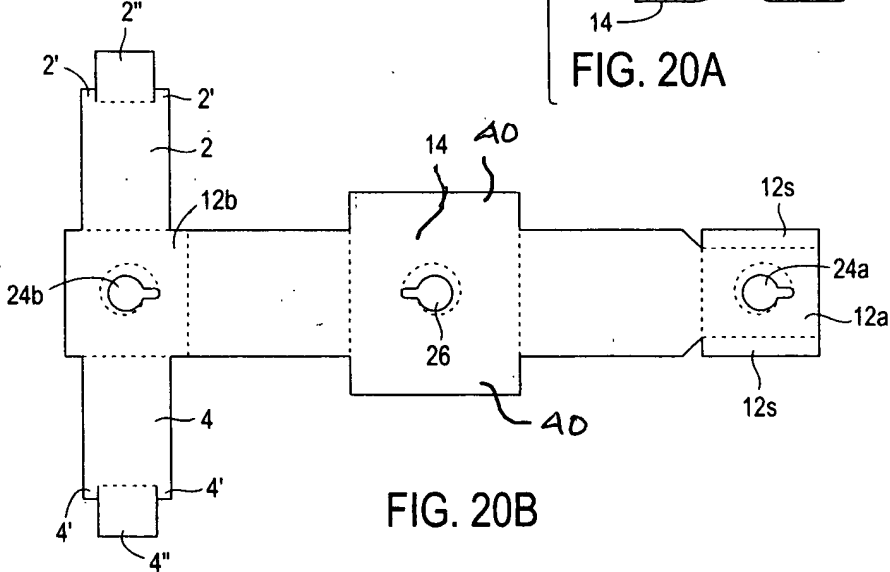


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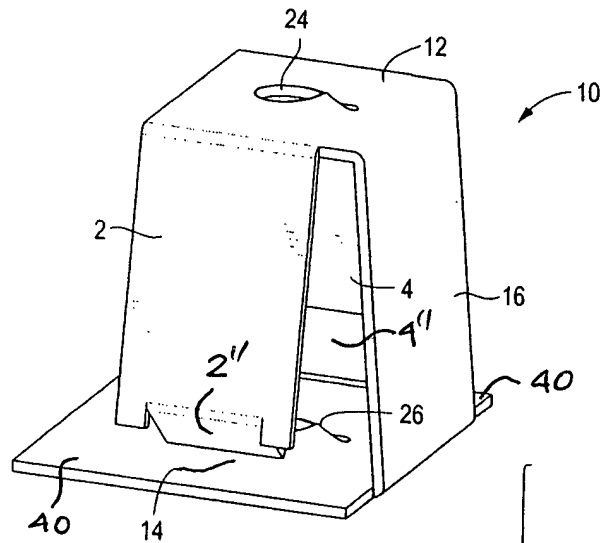


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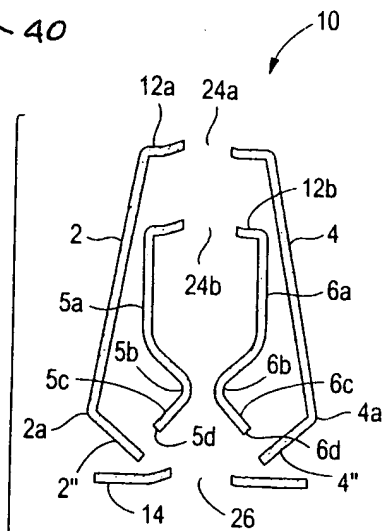


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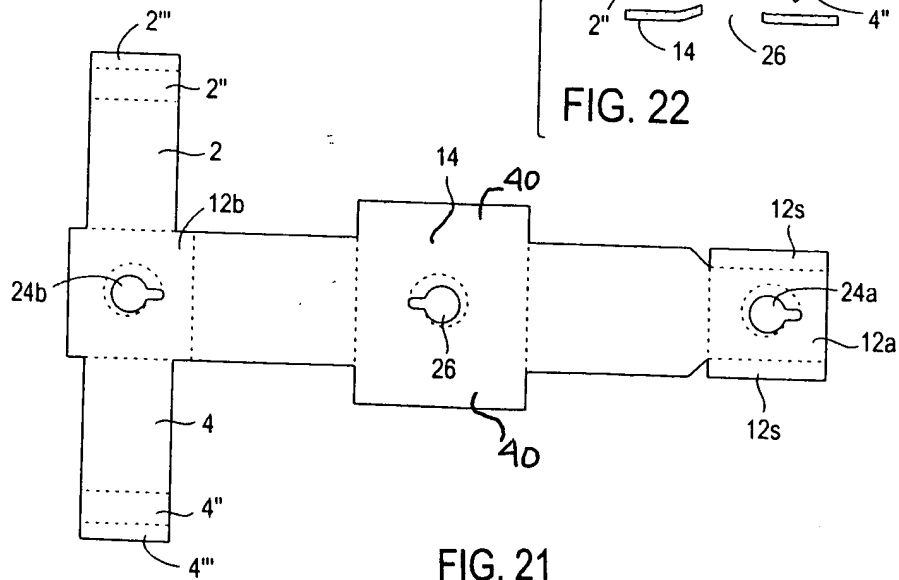


FIG. 21